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SUBJECT: ELIMINATION OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

1. THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW PREPARED TO REACH FORMAL AGREE-
MENT WITH THE CZECHS ON THE MUTUAL ELIMINATION OF CLOSED
ZONES AND RESTRICTIONS ON PORTS OF ENTRY. WE BELIEVE
THE APPROPRIATE WAY TO PROCEED WOULD BE THROUGH AN
EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES IN WHICH EACH SIDE WOULD
FORMALLY NOTIFY THE OTHER THAT THE HOST GOVERNMENT'S
RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL AND PORTS OF ENTRY ARE FORTHWITH
ELIMINATED FOR THE OTHER'S DIPLOMATS AND STAFF.

2. YOU ARE THEREFORE AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS
WITH THE MFA THE LANGUAGE OF THE NOTES AND THE
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MODALITIES OF EXCHANGE. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT TO THE CZECHS

THAT WE ARE NOW PREPARED TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE INITIATIVE SUGGESTED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN DURING HIS OCTOBER VISIT TO PRAGUE. YOU MIGHT BEGIN BY HANDING OVER TO SPACIL A DRAFT OF OUR NOTE; IF SPACIL INDICATES AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXT, THE FORMAL EXCHANGE OF NOTES COULD TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS THE EMBASSY AND MFA ARE PREPARED TO DO SO.

3. FOLLOWING IS OUR PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR THE US NOTE. WE WOULD EXPECT SIMILAR LANGUAGE FROM THE CZECHS: QUOTE: (USUAL COMPLIMENTARY GREETING) EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF THIS NOTE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE US HAS TERMINATED THE TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS OUTLINED IN THE NOTES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE DATED JULY 27, 1967 AND AUGUST 15, 1967 TO THE EMBASSY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC AS THEY APPLY TO CZECHOSLOVAK DIPLOMATS AND STAFF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO CZECHOSLOVAK DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES. ACCESS OF CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS IN THE US TO CERTAIN INSTALLATIONS AND OTHER PLACES THAT HAVE A NATIONAL SECURITY SIGNIFICANCE IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND TRAVEL DESCRIBED ABOVE. UNLESS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED, ENTRY INTO OR STOPPING IN THE VICINITY OF IDENTIFIABLE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IS PROHIBITED. THE TERMINATION OF UNITED STATES CLOSED AREA RESTRICTIONS FOR CZECHOSLOVAK DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PERSONNEL IS BASED ON THE ASSURANCES GIVEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC THAT IT HAS ASSENTED TO TERMINATION OF CLOSED AREA RESTRICTIONS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR U.S. DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PERSONNEL ACCREDITED TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, U.S. OFFICIALS WHO TRAVEL TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND SUCH OTHER UNITED STATES CITIZEN PERSONNEL TO WHOM SUCH RESTRICTIONS HAVE APPLIED. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FURTHER AGREES TO TERMINATE ALL RESTRICTIONS CONCERNING THE USE OF PORTS OF ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES APPLICABLE TO CZECHOSLOVAK DIPLOMATIC, OFFICIAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION PERSONNEL, EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF THIS NOTE. COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE. UNQLOTE. KISSINGER
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